

As a radio amateur I believe that BPL will seriously degrade the ability of the Amateur service to provide emergency communications during times of need. Implementation of BPL technology is deemed unnecessary in light of all of the other methodology available today to achieve the same goal. The only benefit I can see to BPL is in increasing the profit structure of public utilities. Progress should never be measured in dollars but in it's overall benefit to the majority of the population. Amateur Radio benefits all segments of the population. Shortwave listening of foreign broadcasts is also beneficial to a greater understanding of our neighbors throughout the world. BPL technology would also have a detrimental effect on this user segment of the HF bands from 3 to 50 MHz. John P Callaghan